

WALL ST. STOCK REPORTS.

Northern Pacific Reports Depressed the Stock Market.

Opposition to the New Richmond Terminal Committee.

Manhattan L and Chicago Gas the Strongest Properties To-Day.

WALL STREET. THURSDAY, May 19.—The disastrous floods at the West gave the bears an opportunity to hammer the market again to-day, but several stocks found support and even advanced. This had the effect of keeping the decline in the Western stocks within comparatively narrow limits.

Rock Island & Atchison scored the greatest loss among the active shares, yielding 11 $\frac{1}{2}$. Otherwise the losses were 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 1 cent, but as the day advanced the pressure to sell increased.

Among the strong stocks were Manhattan, which rose from 127 to 129 $\frac{1}{2}$; National, from 108 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 109 $\frac{1}{2}$; and Chicago Gas, which fluctuated between 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ and 2 $\frac{3}{4}$.

It was a sold freely in view of the report of an issue of bonds.

North American rallied after a very rose statement by Vice-President Jones was given out.

The latest Richmond Terminal Reorganization Committee is meeting with opposition right at the start. It is in the making.

A conference of those objecting to the new Committee will be held shortly, probably to-morrow.

It is reported that New York, New Canada & Western preferred stock have agreed to compromise their claims for accrued dividends.

It is also reported that the Louisville & Nashville had paid off the last dollar of its heating debt and is a large lender of money on the Stock Exchange.

The report of the Lake Shore for the quarter ended March 31, 1892, shows total net income \$1,080,053, an increase of \$49,002, and surplus \$2,000,000.

The net earnings of the Baltimore & Ohio for April were \$337,434, a decrease of \$75,000. For seven months net earnings decreased \$2,000.

The passing of the July dividend by the Northern Pacific directors gave the bears a magnificent chance to hammer the market. The Pacific, Erie preferred, Missouri Pacific and Tennessee Coal & Iron bore the brunt of the attacks.

In the afternoon of the opening, Erie preferred broke 30, to 28, and Tennessee Coal & Iron, 30, to 40 $\frac{1}{2}$.

Manhattan & Chicago Gas were exceptionally strong, the former advancing to 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ and the latter to 80 $\frac{1}{2}$.

The total sales at the New York Stock Exchange to-day were 1,000,000 shares of listed stocks and 200,000 ounces of silver.

CONTEST OF HOTCHKISS WILL.

Wood on the Race Concerning Alleged Lies to His Aunt.

The contest over the will of Marie E. Hotchkiss was resolved this morning before Surrogate Hansen.

Ex-draughtsman Hollings cross-examined Israel Wood, Mrs. Hotchkiss's nephew and chief beneficiary under her will. Mr. Wood admitted having kept copies of letters that he wrote to his aunt.

"Was this not," asked ex-Surrogate Hollings, "an effort to enable you to avoid getting caught in the intricate tangle of lies that told your aunt?"

Mr. Wood answered no, but admitted that he had told his aunt a great many lies in his defense.

In one letter which was read by Mr. Wood advised his mother to act nicely towards him in the last moments of her life.

He said that he meant by this that his mother should not forsake Mrs. Hotchkiss's side at the last moment.

It is hard, that's what it is," exclaimed a friend of the family to-day. "Johny was a square man, and had lots of friends when he was alive, but now he is dead, they'll catch one disease. Some of the men he has been a friend to ought to come up now and be a comfort to him."

Johny will be a walking again to-night, but the world is not buried by to-morrow it is likely that the health authorities of Brooklyn will interfere.

SOUGHT TO DIE IN A PARK.

Tired of Life, This Unknown Bullet in His Head.

An unknown man, about forty-five years old, attempted suicide near a Summer-house in Prospect Park, Brooklyn, at 12:45 this afternoon, by shooting. He was well-dressed, stood five feet seven inches in height and wore a dark coat and vest, blue trousers, white shirt, black necktie and a brown derby hat. His hair and mustache were dark. His hands indicated he was not a workman and the appearance of his dress was that of a person of refinement.

When he was found he was unconscious, it was the picture of a young woman.

Across the corner of the envelope was written, "Tired of life." Nothing could be found on the man.

Some people in the Park heard a shot near the summer-house, and when they got to the spot the unknown man was found lying on the grass, with a bullet through his head.

The proprie of the Park brought him to the hospital, where he was removed to St. Vincent's Hospital. The physicians can tell whether there is any chance for his recovery.

WANTS THE DUMP REMOVED.

The Dock Board's President Writes a Note to Mr. Brennan.

In response to the complaints of the people living in the vicinity of One Hundred and Twenty-ninth street and North River the following letter has been sent to Commissioner Brennan by President Cram, of the Dock Board:

"At a meeting of the Board of Deeds, held on the 13th inst., I was directed to ask that you transfer the dump of the Department of Street Cleaning from One Hundred and Twenty-ninth street to One Hundred and Thirtieth street, North River.

"People living in the neighborhood and especially in Riverside Park object to the present situation of the dump. The pier at the foot of One Hundred and Thirty-ninth street is objectionable to those living in the neighborhood."

READING IS PAYING UP.

Denial that Jersey Central Dividends Were Being Scaled Down.

President J. Rogers Maxwell of the New Jersey Central Railroad denied very emphatically this morning the report that the Reading Company has refused to pay more than 20 per cent of the dividend guaranteed to Jersey Central stockholders under the lease.

"There is not the slightest foundation for the report," he said, "and to truth whatever is in it. The Reading people have fully met all their obligations to the company."

The report is believed to have been started by Wall street manipulators for stock jobbing purposes. It had no effect upon the market to-day.

PAWNED BABY'S PILLOWS.

A Brooklyn Man's Plan to Get Drink Money Leads Him in Jail.

Peter Sweeney, of 120 Clinton street, Brooklyn, was to-day sentenced by Justice Walsh in the Adams Street court to four months imprisonment. The sentence was accompanied by a very scathing lecture from the Justice.

Sweeney's wife had him arrested. She testified that he got drunk yesterday, and after spending all his money came home and demanded more cash to get out. This she refused, and he snatched the pillow from under her nose, and fled. When he was捉回, he was found to have a diamond pin worth \$200.

Cornell's New President.

HALIFAX, N. S., May 19.—The news that Dr. G. Schurman has been appointed President of Cornell University is heard here with much pleasure. The new President is a native of Prince Edward Island. He is the son-in-law of George Elliott, of New York.

Sentenced for White Collar.

Richard Neiman, who caused the death of his wife March 24 by setting fire to his apartments in West Sixteenth street, to-day pleaded guilty to manslaughter in the first degree. The trial court of Oyer and Terminer next Monday foreclosed on the sentence of imprisonment for life.

Opened with a Royal Lepre.

The thirteenth game of the chess match was opened this morning by Showalter, who played the King's Pawns to the center of the eighth rank. After thirteen moves the Kentuckian had obtained a fine attack.

NOT ENOUGH CASH TO PAY.

So Northern Pacific Preferred Dividend Is Passed.

Discouraging Statement by President Oakes, of the Company.

Excitement was caused on 'Change this afternoon by the announcement that the directors of the Northern Pacific Railroad had, after a protracted session, decided to pass the dividend on its preferred stock for the present quarter. This action was induced by the following statement submitted by President T. F. Oakes:

"At this month's regular meeting of directors the question of declaring or not the quarterly dividend on preferred stock will properly come up. But for the several serious reasons suggested below, I have to recommend that no distribution of surplus should now be made.

"The surplus earnings are stated by the auditors to amount Feb. 28, 1892, to \$995,723, deduct deficit for March of \$37,732, and it leaves a surplus March 31 of \$958,000. If each have been declared and paid, to wit:

No. 10. Paid Oct. 15, 1891.....\$365,631
No. 11. Paid Jan. 15, 1892.....\$365,781
Total.....\$731,802

"This leaves applicable to dividends for the present quarter \$258,728, or say \$107,000 less than 4 per cent. on the preferred stock outstanding."

"In view of the foregoing, and the further fact that the gross earnings for the last quarter of the year, so far as received by the Auditors, April 15, 1891, show a loss of \$100,000, it is my opinion that the surplus to known is insufficient to pay the quarterly dividend of 1 per cent.

"I have never, however, recommended that no action should be taken at this meeting towards the distribution of the surplus among the preferred stockholders until the result of the year's business has been determined, and I have done so in accordance with the instructions given to me by Mr. Fitzgerald, twenty-three years old.

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